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PRESIDENT'S NEWS AND VIEWS

How about this "Ham 'n Chatter" which is being edited by Chet Sakura, W9CTI, a volunteer for the jab. We need more aid in various capacities to keep us informed. Make us proud af the club af which we are a member!

Our plans for the year are ta bring you informative programs and persons each manth. Our club is not for members alone, but for all hams in Sautheastern Wisconsin. For thase that want to join, we welcome you. But if you belong ta another club or organizatian, maintain your loyalty with them and still come.

Our meetings will be held the second Thursday after the first Tuesday of each month. Our purpose of this chonge is ta eliminate conflict with other organizotions. These are tentative plans for the meetings for this fiscal year:

October 9th meeting will be devoted to reports from various nets in this area. A.R.E.C., Air Farce, Navy and Army MARS and other nets will be represented. This should be interesting.

November 14th meeting is a possible tour af the Telephone System. This is not firmed up at this date.

December 11th is a tentative program on "VHF ANTENNA SYSTEMS" by Horold Isenring, W9BTI. He is an expert in all facets of radio and is Service Manager for Sear's in Radio and TV. He operates VHF from his hame station.

January 8th will be "Old Timers' Night" at the Pabst Brewery for all members over 21. We will try ta have a program interesting to all. Wives are also invited.

That's enough for naw.

Dick Oberholtzer, W9ZPV

WHITHER M.R.A.C.!

M.R.A.C. has on its club roster only two members under 18 years. The average age of our membership is surely over thirty and rising each year. We are not getting younger hams into our club ta help carry on.

Each year we have a more difficult time to find people who are willing to serve as officers for the coming year. The majority of the current officers have served beyond what most people should be called upon to do.

You members who have not come to the meetings for some years should come back to help carry on in twa ways: Serve again yourselves and encaurage young and budding hams to join our club and its activities. Otherwise, we are going to die a nat too lingerin' death. How about getting back downtown to help those af us who are trying to keep M.R.A.C. a vital function in Ham Radio.

Travis Baird, W9VQD
Past Pres. 1967-69

A.R.E.C. REPORTS

The direct public service branch af amateur radio, A.R.P.S.C., is open to all hams. The local Amateur Radio Emergency Corps is made up af operators fram Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Washingtan and Waukesha Counties. Membership in any amateur club or organization, other than A.R.E.C., is not required. The basic prerequisite is a sincere interest in Ham Radio as a Public Service.

To aid our training, A.R.E.C. coordinates most of the major parades in the Milwaukee area. Wide-band 2-meter FM is used with the basic frequency an 146.67 MHz and a secondary on 146.94 MHz. The Red Cross Station can operate on both, plus 146.88 MHz Rtty. The Weather Bureau operates only on 146.67 MHz.

Possession of 2-meter gear is not necessary for participation in our activities. We always need second operators for the mobiles and we have a supply of handy-talkies available.

Activities completed this year include:

1. Sat., April 26--Loyalty Day Parade
2. Sun., April 27--Continental Bands in the Arena
3. Sat., May 17--Armed Forces Day Parade
4. Fri., May 30--Memorial Day Parade
5. Sat., June 21--Mitchell Street Advancement Association Parade
6. Tues., July 1--Circus Train from Baraboo
7. Fri., July 4--Circus Parade
8. Sat. & Sun., July 26 & 27--International Air Show
9. Wed. thru Sun., Aug. 6 thru 10--Greater Milwaukee Open Golf
10. Sat., Sept. 20--Great Lakes Shrine Association Parade

Coming up soon will be the Annual Halloween Expressway Watch for the Sheriff's Dept., Veteran's Day Parade on Nov. 8 and the U.W.M. Homecoming.

Robert L. Goldstein, K9KJT
Emergency Coordinator,
Milwaukee County

OCT. MEETING STATE NET NIGHT

Plans have been made to have reports from representatives of various nets, at the Oct. 9th meeting. Those invited are: Ken Ebneter, W9GSC (NØUUR) Wisconsin E.C.; Bob Goldstein, K9KJT, Milwaukee County E.C.; Barney Kellner, K9UBC, Manager of S.W. Wisconsin A.F. MARS; and Ass't Navy MARS Coordinator Chas. T. Schling, W9VZZ (NØVJV). This meeting will show a public service side of Ham Radio.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Clarence Crapo, W9VD, has been in the hospital and is now convalescing.

EDITOR'S CORNER

With the revival of the "Chatter", I have volunteered as the Acting Editor. Not having had any journalistic experience, I find that it entails duties from Cub reporter to Editor-in-Chief with many facets of the printing business to learn! Also, I have learned (already yet!) that for continued success of these pages, there will have to be more volunteer assistance. These are job openings for a starter:

TYPIST--someone with access to an electric typewriter. How about some YL or XYL?

LAYOUT EDITOR--someone to place the typed news items on a large sheet for photo-printing. This is an easy creative job.

REPORTERS, REPORTERS AND REPORTERS--from any and all activities, organizations and other clubs. This means you-all but need a few designated as such.

ASSISTANT EDITOR or EDITOR'S ASSISTANT--just someone to lean on because I can't pull out any more hair in frustration!!

CIRCULATION is handled nicely and efficiently by Bob, WA9JLU and Walt, W9YYW.

PRINTING will be done by Ted Willett, W9NHE who previously had done yeoman service in doing some of the above jobs also. We feel that he should not be asked to take care of minor details. Thanks for your previous efforts, Ted!

All applicants please line up on the left...or is it the right?

Chet, W9CTI, Acting Ed.

CHATTER

First meeting of the '69-'70 season brought out 17 members and one visitor. Let's make an effort to bring out others. Take note that the meetings will have an informal session beginning at 7:30.

The Sweepstakes contests seem to be the most papular of all contests on the air. Club members are urged to report their scores to the secretary so M.R.A.C. can have a representation in the Affiliated Club Competition. We may not land on top, but we could beat someone!

LOST AND FOUND--especially lost! Does anyone know where the club typewriter is? The secretary has need of it. 'Nuf sed!

WANNA SAVE MONEY?--As a club member, you can save on your QST renewal. Send renewal card less 50¢ to Club Treasurer Charles Dawson, W9CUW, 2345 W. Skyline Rd., Glendale, Wis., 53209. Make check out to M.R.A.C. OR, better yet, bring it to the meeting.

NEW MEMBERS

LLOYD W. WANTLAND, WA9JKD
6832 W. Acacia St., Milwaukee, 53223
*MIKE WILKINSON, WA9WIN
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1920 W. Mame Ave., Glendale, 53209
MILTON J. KRAUTHOLL, W9BTQ
N89 W16800 Cleveland Ave.,
Menomonee Falls, 53051

*Student members. Add these to your latest roster.

BAND ACTIVITIES

This column will be devoted to activities on various and all bands. Reporters will be needed for this column and as most of you are on the air, most of you can be reporters. Ted, W9NHE will be back on 160 with AM.

REVIEW OF '68-'69 MEETINGS

For those members who have moved away or could not get to the MRAC meetings, here are some of the programs and activities you missed:

At the September '68 meeting, WA9SYD gave a report of research being done for the National Bureau of Standards on VLF Weak Signal Detection. Bob, still a teen-age high-school senior at the time, had been working on this project at Ohio University during his summer vacation.

The November '68 and May '69 meetings were lively Fall and Spring auctions to which hams came from far and wide.

At the December meeting, a triple slide-show was presented, describing the "Radio-Row" in Tokyo; the local AREC in action; and a trip through Yucatan.

In January, the annual Old-Timers Night get-together was held at the Schlitz Brown-Bottle room. Many old acquaintances were renewed.

The annual Valentine Party-Dance was held in February and all who attended had a swell time. YLs and XYLs had a chance to see who we were with during those nights "Out-with-the-boys".

In April, W9VQD returned from a trip to Japan and gave an interesting report of his adventures there.

A new trend in ham radio was demonstrated at the June meeting by W9BTQ and WA9MME who displayed and operated home-built and commercial frequency counters using transistors and integrated circuits.

A color movie describing the launching and orbiting of Apollo-9 was presented by WA9EKU at the July meeting. The new club officers were also elected and installed.

The club year was rounded out with the annual picnic in August. It was an ideal Sunday afternoon with warm, dry weather and cool beer and pop.

Walt, W9YYW, Sec.

HELPING HANDS

In line with club objectives as outlined by Prexy Dick, W9ZPV, the following fellows volunteer their "hand" to their fellow hams. We need more "HELPING HANDS", especially on the beginner and novice level.

MILT KRAUTHOLL, W9BTQ, 251-2155
Solid state and IC circuits
AL BELANGER, W9MDG, 461-8272
All general subjects
JACK MC LELAND, W9ATK, 352-0292
VHF, FM and 2 meters

Also another effort to help hams, especially the newer ones, the regular meetings will be preceded by an informal session beginning at 7:30. This will be an organized activity and will be prepared to answer any question. We especially invite the beginners, students, novices and CBer's to bring your queries. Dick, W9ZPV, will direct the first meeting.

CONSTRUCTION CORNER

If you do any homebrewing, kit construction, antenna fabrication, gadgets, etc., give us an account of it. We're all interested in the other fellow's gear and would like to generate interest along this line. You may help someone OR you may get some help, Hi!

Sus, WN9BGJ, made a 15 meter delta loop beam and it works like a charm. He reports that at one sitting he worked 13 different countries in a row! Drop by 4921 N. 58th St. and see his big "rabbit ears" on top of his house. (See QST, Jan. 1969)

SILENT KEYS since last issue:

EARL JENKINS, W9LUQ
JACK DOYLE, W9GPI
ROBERT WILSON, W9ZB

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